



Press Release

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On: FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . February egg production in Texas totaled 370 million eggs, up 2 percent from February 2003, but down 9 percent from January 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during February averaged 18.5 million, down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from January 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 1,996 eggs, up 3 percent from last year but down 10 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.5 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 6.89 billion eggs during February 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 5.89 billion table eggs, 948 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 54.0 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during February 2004, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,033 eggs, up 4 percent from the 1,957 eggs in February 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 6.44 billion eggs during February. The number of layers during February 2004 averaged 316 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 32.1 million, up 7 percent from February 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 728 million, was up 5 percent from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2004, up 10 percent from February 2003.